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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: US/USSR OBSERVERS FOR UNTSO

1. I RE-EMPHASIZED TO SYG WALDHEIM FOR FIFTH TIME TODAY THAT INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING WITH SOVIETS THAT US AND SOVS WILL EACH PROVIDE 36 UNTSO PERSONNEL MEANS 36 AND NO MORE, REPEAT NO MORE. I STRESSED THIS IN LIGHT OF SOVIET REP MALIK'S HEAVY WEEKEND PRESSURES ON SYG AND SECRETARIAT TO ADD 20 "INTERPRETERS" TO SOVIET CONTINGENT. I EMPHASIZED TO WALDHEIM THAT AMERICAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT COVERS 26 SLOTS, AND THAT MALIK UNDERSTANDS FULL WELL THAT THIS NUMBER COVERS MILITARY, INTERPRETERS AND ALL CONCEIVABLE CATEGORIES, INCLUDING DANCING GIRLS. I NOTED THAT USG HAD RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO US-SOVIET OBSERVER ROLE AND SAID THAT IF MALIK KEEPS PRESSING TO REVISE FIRM UNDERSTANDING, USG MIGHT DROP PLAN ALTOGETHER.
2. WALDHEIM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF USG WITHDRAWS ITS OFFER TO SEND OVSERVER CONTINGENT, SOVIETS WOULD HAVE TO WITHDRAW ALSO.
3. CONVERSATION FOLLOWED WEEKEND DISCUSSION BETWEEN USYG URQUHART AND AMB SCHAUFELE ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE MALIK AND SMUN ARE CLIMBING ALL OVER UN ABOUT DISPOSITION OF SOVIET OBSERVERS FOR UNTSO. MALIK EVEN CALLED SYG AT HIS HOME SATURDAY AT MIDNIGHT. MALIK CLAIMED THAT HE
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HAD RECIEVED MESSAGE FROM SOVIET OBSERVERGROUP IN CAIRO STATING THEYHAD NOT YET BEEN INTEGRATED INTO UNTSO AND ASKING WHAT WOULD BE DONE ABOUT INTERPRETERS.
4. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY SOVIETS, AS THEY DO SO FREQUENTLY,

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ARE TRYING IN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING
THEY COULD NOT GET IN NEGOTIATIONS BY PRESSURE ON SYG.
WE ARE NOT DISPOSED TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT WITH THE
SOVIETS UNLESS UN GIVES SIGNS OF CRACKING UNDER SOVIET
PRESSURE. NEITHER UN NOR WE HAVE ANY PARTICULAR INTEREST
IN HAVING SOVIET OBSERVERS- OR ADDITIONAL US OBSERVERS
FOR THAT MATTER - AND THE LONGER THEIR INTEGRATION INTO
UNTSO IS DELAYED THE BETTER. NEVERTHELESS IF THE OPPORTUNITY
ARISES WITH SENIOR MEMBER OF SOVIET DELEGATION WE WILL
MENTION THAT FACT THAT WE ARE AWARE OF SOVIET EFFORTS WHICH
CONTRADICT AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH THEM, AND BELIEVE THEY ARE
TOTALLY CONTRARTY TO UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE WITH THEM.
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